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Code Administrator Meeting

Summary

Workgroup Meetings 9 and 10: CMP446 Increasing the lower threshold in England and Wales for Evaluation of Transmission Impact Assessment

Date: 26 February 2025, 27 February 2025

Contact Details

Chair: Milly Lewis, milly.lewis@nationalenergyso.com

Proposer: Martin Cahill, martin.cahill@nationalenergyso.com

Key areas of discussion

The Chair noted that the purpose of Workgroups 9 and 10 was to:

- Review the current actions.
- Review the Workgroup Report and updated Legal Text.
- Carry out a Workgroup Vote on the Original Proposal and WACMs.

Confidential Workgroup Consultation Response

The Chair confirmed that the respondent of a confidential Workgroup Consultation Response had agreed to allow the Workgroup to see and discuss their response in a Workgroup Meeting, but not share with industry. Workgroup Members raised concerns that this could lead to a conflict of interests among the Workgroup. The Workgroup agreed by a majority vote not to see or discuss this response.

Action Updates

Action 36 (closed during the meeting)

The Original Proposer confirmed his position on the decimal point issue and that no further changes to the Legal Text would be made. The Workgroup made no comment.

Actions 38, 39, and 45 (closed during the meeting)

The Original Proposer discussed their response to the Fault Level Headroom actions raised in Workgroup 8. The Workgroup made no comment.

Actions 41, 42, and 43 (closed during the meeting)

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The Original Proposer discussed their response to the original Legal Text actions raised in Workgroup 8. Workgroup Members asked for clarification on the reasoning behind the updated Legal Text, the Original Proposer confirmed that the Legal Text did not conflict with CMP 434/435 and that the definitions used were correct. They also mentioned that a further tidy-up exercise might be needed, depending on the order of approvals for different modifications. This will be reflected in the Workgroup Report. The Workgroup made no further comment.

Action 44 (closed during the meeting)

The Original Proposer confirmed that a footnote had been added to the scenarios table, and additional text added to the Workgroup Report, to clarify the Fault Level Headroom issue. The Workgroup made no comment.

Action 46 (closed during the meeting)

The Original Proposer explained the changes made to the WACM1 Legal Text, to clarify the definition used for Export Capacity in Section 11. The Proposer of WACM1 confirmed that they were content with the changes. The Workgroup made no comment.

Action 47 (closed during the meeting)

The Chair confirmed the rationale used for the 25MW threshold in WACM3 and WACM4. The Workgroup made no comment.

Action 48 (action to remain open)

The Proposer of WACM3 and WACM4 discussed the changes made to the Legal Text in both WACMs. The Proposer of WACM3 and WACM4 took a new action to update their proposed Legal Text incorporating this feedback.

Action 33 (closed during the meeting)

The Original Proposer confirmed that engagement with Trade Associations is adequately captured in the existing Communications Plan. The Workgroup made no comment.

Action 40 (closed during the meeting)

The Original Proposer confirmed that no further clarification or additional Legal Text is required on this issue. The NGET Workgroup Member stated that NGET are working on how to address the Fault Level Headroom issue in Appendix G, but this work is not within the scope of this modification.

WACM2 Legal Text

The Proposer of WACM2 shared their proposed updated Legal Text which seeks to address the omission of the 5MW threshold in their original draft where the default threshold of 5MW is to be applied when no specific threshold is published. The Workgroup made no comment.

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Draft Workgroup Report

The Chair took the Workgroup through the latest updates to the Draft Workgroup Report, specifically the reordering of sections and comments made by Workgroup Members. Additional updates were made by the Chair and new notes were added, where amendments are still required.

Additional Workgroup Alternative Request Vote

The Chair confirmed receipt of a new Alternative Request Form from the Proposer of WACM2. The Proposer of WACM2 confirmed that this Alternative Request modifies WACM2 by using 'Export Capacity' rather than 'Registered Capacity' in relation to measuring the 5MW threshold. The Workgroup made no comments. The Chair carried out an Alternative Request vote, the majority of the Workgroup Members voted in favour, with the Alternative Request becoming WACM5.

Terms of Reference

The Chair asked the Workgroup to confirm if there were any objections to signing off the Terms of Reference. There were no concerns raised by Workgroup Members.

Workgroup Vote

The Chair carried out a Workgroup Vote for Stage 2a 'Assessment against objectives' and Stage 2b 'Workgroup Vote'. The outcome of the vote for Stage 2a 'Assessment against objectives' was that the Workgroup concluded by majority that the Original, WACM1, WACM2, and WACM5 better facilitated the Applicable Objectives than the Baseline.

The outcome of the vote for Stage 2b 'Workgroup Vote' was:

Workgroup Member	Company	Industry Sector	BEST Option?
Brian Hoy	Electricity North West	Network Operator	WACM5
Ciaran Fitzgerald / Morgan Joyce	Scottish Power Renewables	Network Operator	WACM4
Dan Clarke / Richard Woodward	National Grid Electricity Transmission (nominated by NESO)	Offshore Transmission Licensee	Original
Drew Johnstone	Northern Powergrid	Network Operator	WACM5
Garth Graham	SSE Generation	Generator	WACM5
Grant Rogers	Qualitas Energy	Generator	WACM4
Helen Stack	Centrica	Generator	WACM1

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Jack Purchase	National Grid Electricity Distribution	Network Operator	WACMI
Joe Colebrook	Innova Renewables	Generator	No preference
Kate Teubner	Low Carbon	Developer - Generation	WACM4
Kyran Hanks	WWA (nominated as a CUSC Panel Member)	Panel Member	Not in meeting
Nina Sharma	Drax	Generator	WACM4
Ross O'Hare	SSEN	Network Operator	WACMI
Zivanayi Musanhi / Mohammad Bilal	UK Power Networks	Network Operator	WACMI
Martin Cahill	NESO	Other – Original Proposer	Original

Next Steps

The Chair asked all Workgroup Members to check their voting preferences in the Alternative and Workgroup Vote document are correct by 2pm on 26 February 2025 and to submit their Workgroup Voting Statement by 6pm on 26 February 2025. The Workgroup will reconvene at 10am on 27 February 2025 to finalise the Workgroup Report.

Workgroup Report

The Chair reconvened the Workgroup Meeting on 28 February 2025 to continue finalising the Workgroup Report. Workgroup Members raised a series of queries related to content and presentational changes in the document, which were addressed during the Workgroup Meeting. Queries relating to clarification of the number of GSPs with Fault Level Headroom below 1kA and whether the approval of CMP434 would lead to expedited timescales for DNOs receiving confirmation of 1MW to 5MW connections compared to going through the Appendix G process, were addressed after the conclusion of the Workgroup Meeting.

Actions

Action Number	Workgroup Raised	Owner	Action	Comments	Due by	Status
33	WG6	MC	Proposer to consider the inclusion of Trade		26/02/2025	Closed

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			Associations in the Communications Plan.	
36	WG6	MC	In relation to the 5MW threshold in the Original Proposal, the Proposer will issue updated Legal Text that clarifies the decimal point issue.	26/02/2025 Closed
38	WG8	MC	Adjust the table of scenarios to clearly define the MW ranges, specifically changing the middle row to "1 to less than 5MW" and the bottom row to "equal to or greater than 5MW"	26/02/2025 Closed
39	WG8	MC / BH	Consider including a note in the report about the possibility of quicker responses for 1 to 5MW connections if no works are required, as suggested by a Workgroup member, who will provide wording.	26/02/2025 Closed
40	WG8	DC	Check if the definition of fault level headroom at the T to D boundary is captured in Appendix G or if it needs to be included in the legal text.	26/02/2025 Closed
41	WG8	MC	Review the wording "it is acknowledged that" to	26/02/2025 Closed

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			ensure that wording is clear and concise		
42	WG8	MC	Double-check the definitions to ensure the correct use of "relevant embedded small power station."	26/02/2025	Closed
43	WG8	MC	Ensure the legal text does not conflict with CMP434/435 and consider a tidy-up exercise if needed.	26/02/2025	Closed
44	WG8	MC	Add a footnote or additional text to the scenarios table to clarify the processes around fault level headroom and the requirement for a TIA if there is not sufficient headroom.	26/02/2025	Closed
45	WG8	MC	Update the scenarios table in the Workgroup Report to reflect the WACMI approach, which uses export capacity, as well as the Original Proposal.	26/02/2025	Closed
46	WG8	GG	Finalise a definition for export capacity to be used in section 11	26/02/2025	Closed
47	WG8	KT	The Workgroup requested further rationale of how the 25MW cap was	26/02/2025	Closed

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			calculated. The Proposer of WACM3 and WACM4 took an action to confirm this.			
48	WG8	KT	Draft legal text, ensuring it clearly defines the cap and its application.	Action to remain open pending completion of Action 49.	27/02/2025	Closed post meeting
49	WG9	KT	Proposer of WACM 3 and 4 to update their proposed Legal Text incorporating Workgroup feedback.		27/02/2025	Closed post meeting

Attendees

Name	Initial	Company	Role	WG9	WG10
Milly Lewis	ML	NESO Code Administrator	Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kat Higby	KH	NESO Code Administrator	Technical Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Matthew Larreta	ML	NESO Code Administrator	Technical Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Martin Cahill	MC	NESO	Proposer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Alex Markham	AM	NESO	NESO Representative	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Andrew Colley	AC	SSE Generation	Alternate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Brian Hoy	BH	Electricity North West	Workgroup Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Ciaran Fitzgerald	CF	Scottish Power	Workgroup Member		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Daniel Clarke	DC	NESO	Workgroup Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Drew Johnstone	DJ	Northern Powergrid	Workgroup Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Garth Graham	GG	SSE Generation	Workgroup Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Grant Rogers	GR	Qualitas Energy	Workgroup Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Helen Stack	HS	Centrica	Workgroup Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jack Purchase	JP	National Grid Electricity Distribution	Workgroup Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Joe Colebrook	JC	Innova Renewables	Workgroup Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Kate Teubner	KT	Low Carbon	Workgroup Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kostas Fouskis	KF	Gridserve	Workgroup Observer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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Kyle Smith	KS	Energy Networks Association	Workgroup Observer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mohammad Bilal	MB	UK Power Networks	Alternate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Morgan Joyce	MJ	Scottish Power	Alternate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Nina Sharma	NS	Drax	Workgroup Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pete Ashton	PA	Roadnight Taylor	Observer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Ross O'Hare	RH	SSEN	Workgroup Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>